

**Final Changes Approved by Evaluation- QM Committee: (Housing)**

| #  | Item                       | Page# | Change to DSHS SOC   |
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| 1. | Definition                 | 1     | <p>[Emphasis added]</p> <p>Remove: “Housing services must also include the development of an individualized housing plan, <b>updated annually</b>, to guide the client’s linkage to permanent housing”.</p> <p>Replace with: “Housing services must also include the development of an individualized housing plan, <b>updated at least annually, or as needed</b>, to guide the client’s linkage to permanent housing.”</p>   |
| 2. | Program Guidance Bullets   | 1-2   | <p>Remove bullets under Program Guidance. Replace with bullets below (which were in the previous Housing Standard adopted by the Austin TGA):</p> <p>Funds received under this category may be used for the following housing related expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing referral services provided by a housing case manager or other professional to include assessment, search, placement, and advocacy services, who possess a comprehensive knowledge of local, state, and federal housing programs and how these programs can be accessed.</li> <li>• Emergency housing defined as an unforeseen event that jeopardizes a household’s ability to pay housing costs. Assistance is limited to one (1) month of rental/utility assistance within a contract year</li> <li>• Transitional housing defined support for a homeless person to facilitate movement to independent living within four (4) months. Funds may be used for rent and/or application fees. Transitional assistance is limited to four (4) continuous months of funding within a contract year.</li> <li>• Short term assistance defined as support for a person currently in housing but needing financial support for rent and/or utilities to gain or maintain medical care.</li> </ul> |
| 3. | Program Guidance: Bullet 3 | 2     | <p>[Emphasis added]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change to: “Transitional housing is defined as support for a homeless person to facilitate movement to independent living. Transitional housing also provides temporary assistance necessary to <i>prevent homelessness</i> and to gain or maintain access to medical care. Funds may be used for rent and/or application fees; however, funds cannot be used for rental deposits. Funds may also be used for transitional residential housing that provides some type of core medical or support services such as residential substance use disorder services or mental health services, residential foster care, or assisted living residential services. Assisted living residential services provided over the course of the program must ensure ongoing client access to outpatient/ambulatory health services and treatment. <b>*Transitional housing assistance is based</b></li> </ul>  |

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|           |  |   | <b>on need and available resources and is limited to no more than (6) continuous months of funding within a contract year. Exceptions can be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Administrative Agency.”</b>                     |
| <b>4.</b> | Service Standard and performance Measure | 4 | Remove section on Housing Referral Services  |
| <b>5.</b> | References                               | 4 | Add: *Per HRSA Project Officer Tempestt Woodard correspondence with Greg Bolds, HIV Resources Administration Program Manager on 5/16/17, assisted living residential services may include healthcare personnel as an allowable cost. |